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26 August 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, OSA/DD/S&T

SUBJECT : Investigation of Possible Compromise of
IDEALIST Security Through Unauthorized
Reproduction of a Pre-Launch Mission
Report

1. This office was advised by [redacted] Chief, ID/OSA, on 23 August 1963 that there existed a possible compromise of IDEALIST security by virtue of an unauthorized reproduction by DIA of the IDEALIST pre-launch mission reports. [redacted] advised that OSA had agreed in writing to furnish the Joint Reconnaissance Center, JCS, with one copy of the mission plan for each IDEALIST mission prior to the launching of the mission. This plan identified the targets and flight plan for the mission. In accordance with the agreement, OSA has routinely forwarded the mission plan to JRC by addressing it to Col. Ralph D. Steakley, JRC(J3), Joint Chiefs of Staff, Room 2D914, Pentagon. The document is processed through the [redacted] in DIA, which is the Special Activities Office under [redacted] and located in Room ID913, Pentagon, before going to the addressee, Col. Steakley in JRC.

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2. [redacted] advised that on 23 August 1963, his office received a phone call from a [redacted] DIA, who requested that OSA forward three copies of the pre-launch mission report as his duplicating machine was out of commission and he would be unable to reproduce the report for DIA, as was his established procedure. [redacted] advised that this was the first indication OSA had that the mission report was being reproduced at DIA before being forwarded to Col. Steakley at JRC.

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3. On 23 August 1963 a member of this staff interviewed [redacted] DIA, in Room ID913, Pentagon, [redacted] stated that the report was in fact reproduced by the Special Activities Office, DIA, before forwarding it to JRC. [redacted] stated that two copies of the mission report are reproduced, one going to [redacted] both of whom are DIA. [redacted] stated that these officers are responsible to General Joseph F. Carroll for all DIA interest in all COMOR reconnaissance activities and must insure that DOD participation in each mission is implemented. [redacted] stated that one copy of the report is used by [redacted] to brief General Carroll on each mission and the other is used by [redacted] Special Activities Office to implement [redacted] for each mission. [redacted] stated that the original was forwarded to JRC after being reproduced and that the two reproduced copies were maintained in the [redacted] at DIA and access to them was limited to those people in [redacted] shop who were IDEALIST cleared and had a need to know pre-mission data. [redacted] stated that his office had a need for this pre-mission data and agreed to the suggestion that his office direct a memorandum to AD/OSA/DD/S&T, advising of the requirement and requesting OSA include [redacted] on the indicated pre-mission report distribution list.

4. It is the conclusion of this office that there was no compromise of IDEALIST security in this instance. It is recommended, however, that this pre-mission report be delivered directly to Col. Steakley in his office at JRC until the DIA memorandum requesting copies of the report is received and approved by AD/OSA/DD/S&T.

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